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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 22 JANUARY 1994.

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THE FAR RIGHT AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS CONTINUE TO FAVOR A QUASICONSTITUTIONAL APPROACH TO SIDELINING ARISTIDE BY HAVING THE LEGISLATURE INVOKE ARTICLE 148, WHICH WOULD TRANSFER EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY TO A NEW PRIME MINISTER. [REDACTED] LEADERS OF THE RIGHTIST GROUP FRAPH REJECTED CEDRAS' REQUEST TO ATTEND THE RECENT PROMILITARY CONFERENCE, THEREBY KEEPING ITS OPTIONS OPEN TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT COURSE. FRAPH ALSO REPORTEDLY

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HAS BEEN TRYING TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE LEGISLATURE BY CO-
OPTING NINE ANTI-ARISTIDE LEGISLATORS AND OFFERING OTHER DEPUTIES
POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

[REDACTED]

FRAPH'S GROWING STRENGTH MAY IMPEL MILITARY LEADERS TO CLOSE
THE LEGISLATURE AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS DESIGNED TO REIN IN THE
RIGHT. A SEIZURE OF POWER MAY RESULT IN MORE OPEN CONFLICT WITHIN
THE MILITARY--ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMAND AND FRANCOIS--AND
INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A REVOLT BY DISAFFECTED ELEMENTS.

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